

**A B S T R A C T**

An input device (50) for the activation and control of functions of at least one apparatus (10, 11, 12, 16) of a dentist's or dental treatment station/work station, wherein the input device (50) has a first input element (52) for the generation of

5 navigation information for the control of a pointer on a user interface, which is represented on a display (13) of the dentist's treatment station, at least one second input element (55) for the generation of control information with which functions of the apparatuses (10, 11, 12, 16) are selectable and/or activatable independently of the navigation information generated by means of the first input element (52), and

10 transfer means (51) for the wireless transfer of the navigation and control information generated with the aid of the first and second input elements (52, 55) to the apparatuses (10, 11, 12, 16) or to a functional unit (41) connected upstream of the apparatuses (10, 11, 12, 16). The input device is so configured that the control information generated via the second input element is usable independently of a unit,

15 e.g. a central server, administering the user interface, for control of the apparatus.

[Fig. 1]